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**Types of Insurance** 

## Difference Between Life Insurance, Marine Insurance And Fire Insurance

| BASIS              | LIFE INSURANCE  | FIRE INSURANCE   | MARINE INSURANCE  |
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| SUBJECT MATTER     | The subject matter of insurance is human life.  | The subject matter is<br>any physical property<br>or assets.   | The subject matter is a ship, cargo or freight  |
| ELEMENT            | Life Insurance has the elements of protection and investment or both.   | Fire insurance has only<br>the element of<br>protection and not the<br>element of investment.  | Marine insurance has<br>only the element of<br>protection   |
| INSURABLE INTEREST | Insurable interest must be present at the time of effecting the policy but need not be necessary at the time when the claim falls due.                    | Insurable interest on<br>the subject matter<br>must be present both<br>at the time of effecting<br>policy as well as when<br>the claim falls due.                        | Insurable interest must<br>be present at the time<br>when claim falls due or<br>at the time of loss only  |
| DURATION           | Life insurance policy<br>usually exceeds a year<br>and is taken for longer<br>periods ranging from 5<br>to 30 years or whole<br>life                      | Fire insurance policy usually does not exceed a year.  | Marine insurance<br>policy is for one or<br>period of voyage or<br>mixed  |
| INDEMNITY          | Life insurance is not based on the principle of indemnity. The sum assured is paid either on the happening of certain event or on maturity of the policy. | Fire insurance is a contract of indemnity. The insured can claim only the actual amount of loss from the insurer. The loss due to the fire is indemnified subject to the | Marine insurance is a contract of indemnity. The insured can claim the market value of the ship and cost of goods destroyed at sea and the loss will be indemnified |

|                                     |   | maximum limit of the policy amount.   |   |
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| LOSS MEASUREMENT                    | Loss is not measurable.   | Loss is measurable.   | Loss is measurable  |
| SURRENDER VALUE OR<br>PAID UP VALUE | Life insurance policy<br>has a surrender value<br>or paid up value  | Fire insurance does not have any surrender value or paid up value.  | Marine insurance does not have any surrender value or paid up value                                     |
| POLICY AMOUNT                       | One can insure for any amount in life insurance.  | In fire insurance, the amount of the policy cannot be more than the value of the subject matter.                                  | In marine insurance the amount of the policy can be the market value of the ship or cargo               |
| CONTINGENCY OF RISK                 | There is an element of certainity. The event i.e., death of maturity or policy is bound to happen. Therefore a claim will be present. | The event i.e.,<br>destruction by fire may<br>not happen. There is an<br>element of uncertainity<br>and there may be no<br>claim. | The event i.e., loss at sea may not occur and there may be no claim. There is an element of uncertainty |